THE TOP 15 WEATHER EVENTS
IN THE CENTRAL CALIFORNIA INTERIOR

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WFO SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY-HANFORD

(in chronological order)

1. July 28, 1908  Bakersfield has a record high of 118 degrees, the highest temperature recorded in the central/southern San Joaquin Valley.

2. September 30, 1932  Flash flooding at Woodford Station kills 15 people; train washed off tracks between Woodford Sta. and Tehachapi.

3. December 20, 1977  Dust storm in the southern San Joaquin Valley; gusts estimated to 200 mph near Arvin, stripping paint off cars.

4. February 19, 1980  F1 tornado hits the terminal building at the Fresno Air Terminal.


6. March 9, 1995  Arroyo Pasajero flash flood washes out the bridge carrying Interstate 5. Several vehicles plunged into the Arroyo, killing 6 people.

7. November 22, 1996  Four tornadoes hit the central/south San Joaquin Valley in one day. (Also on February 27, 2000.)


11. January 25, 1999  Measurable snow on the San Joaquin Valley floor, including up to 6 inches in east Bakersfield.

12. July 16-27, 2006  Heat wave caused 46 deaths. The low temperature at Fresno on July 23 was 90 degrees, setting a record highest minimum temperature for the city.


14. November 3, 2007  A series of chain-reaction accidents in dense fog involved a total of 87 vehicles. 2 people were killed.

15. January 21, 2010  Strong storm drops barometric pressure to 28.95 inches at Bakersfield, and 28.96 inches at Fresno. (Lowest on record.)